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~~K-28~~ Church Alley Store

c. 1877 ?

Chestertown

private

A 19th century style and vintage store, recently "restored" inside and out and at present a beautiful period show piece with catslide and beaded clapboard. Built on the site of "the old Sturgis house" (brick) after it apparently burned down around mid-century, it appears to be the second building to occupy the property since the fire. It served as a store up into the 1950's. Today it is a real estate office with a rented apartment on the second story.

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

Church Alley Store

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AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

106 Church Street

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Kent

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

☐ DISTRICT

☐ PUBLIC

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ MUSEUM

☒ BUILDING(S)

☒ PRIVATE

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☒ COMMERCIAL

☐ PARK

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ BOTH

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ SITE

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

**ACCESSIBLE**

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ OBJECT

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☒ NO

☐ MILITARY

☐ OTHER

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

David Williams

Telephone # 778 4096

STREET & NUMBER

209 Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 21620

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #: no reference since 1881: SB 2 473

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

none

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	restoration	DATE _____

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This building is located on the east corner of the intersection of Church and Court Streets in Chestertown. It has been recently restored.

It is a 2-bay, 2½-story frame building and has a steep front "A" roof with a 2-story catslide. It is three bays deep. The north (left) bay contains the front entrance, which has a 9-pane window in its top half and two panels below. The south bay has a one story bay window, which was the display window when the building was a small grocery and speciality store, which it appears to have been from its late nineteenth century beginning up into the 1950's. There are two 6/6 double hung sash windows on the second story with louvered shutters.

The north (left) gable end has two windows and a side entrance on the first story, two windows at different heights on the second, and a single window just below the peak of the gable. Only the first story windows are shuttered. The south gable end abuts 104 Church Street. The roof is standing seam tin.

In the rear there are two abutting 1-story shed additions next to one another.

The restoration involved considerable interior restructuring, installation of new beaded clapboard siding on the exterior, and a coordinated paint job. The building now serves as a real estate office on the first story and a rented apartment on the second.

The Sanborn Insurance Map for Chestertown for 1903 shows a brick wall on the addition on the rear of the house and the Alley side of the addition for that period.

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES 1877  
~~1885~~ - 1900 ??

BUILDER/ARCHITECT unknown

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

As far as can be determined this building was constructed sometime between <sup>1877</sup>~~1885~~ and 1900. It and 104 Church Street sit on the foundation of what was probably the old "Sturgis House" a brick dwelling built in the late eighteenth century. It ~~is not possible that~~ <sup>is possible that</sup> there were two other houses on the Sturgis foundation before this one; ~~which~~ the 1877 map of Chestertown ~~suggests~~ <sup>shows</sup> two houses where 104 and 106 stand today but their shapes do not match the present structures.

The owner of the property during the 1870's and 1880's was Mary (Mrs. Alonzo) Ming, whose husband the 1877 Town Map describes as owner of a grocery and specialty store. No legal reference to the Mings ever having deeded the property to anyone has turned up yet, though local tradition has it that the building was occupied by several successive black store-keepers ~~in~~ in the 1940's and 1950's.

Its architectural significance is its handsome display of several nineteenth century architectural features, principally the catslide roof and beaded siding. Though it may be more a reproduction than restoration, the quality of the workmanship is excellent throughout. It is a tasteful complement to the Geddes-Piper house diagonally across Church Street, ~~and~~ the buildings along Court Street, and the Italianate Victorian Court House, which are its immediate neighbors.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

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STREET & NUMBER

DATE

March, 1976

TELEPHONE

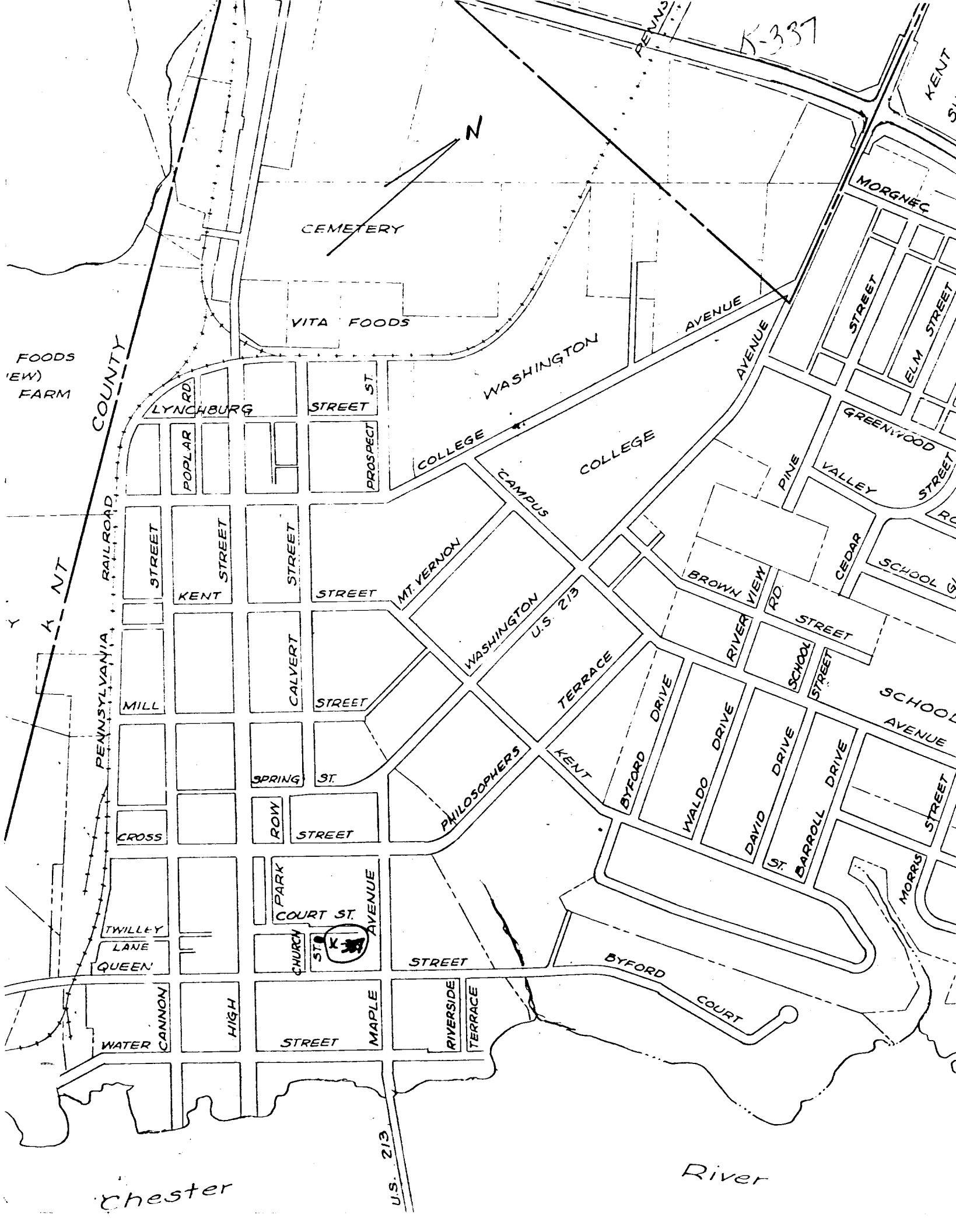
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VITA FOODS

FOODS  
(NEW)  
FARM

COUNTY

LYNCHBURG

POPLAR

STREET

PROSPECT

COLLEGE

WASHINGTON

AVENUE

AVENUE

MORRIS

STREET

ELM STREET

GREENWOOD

STREET

VALLEY

PINE

BROWN VIEW

RIVER

STREET

SCHOOL

MT. VERNON

WASHINGTON

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TERRACE

BYFORD DRIVE

WALDO DRIVE

DAVID DRIVE

BARROLL DRIVE

SCHOOL AVENUE

STREET

PHILOSOPHERS

KENT

SPRING

ST.

ROW

STREET

PARK COURT ST.

AVENUE

CHURCH

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LANE

QUEEN

WATER

CANNON

HIGH

STREET

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RIVERSIDE

TERRACE

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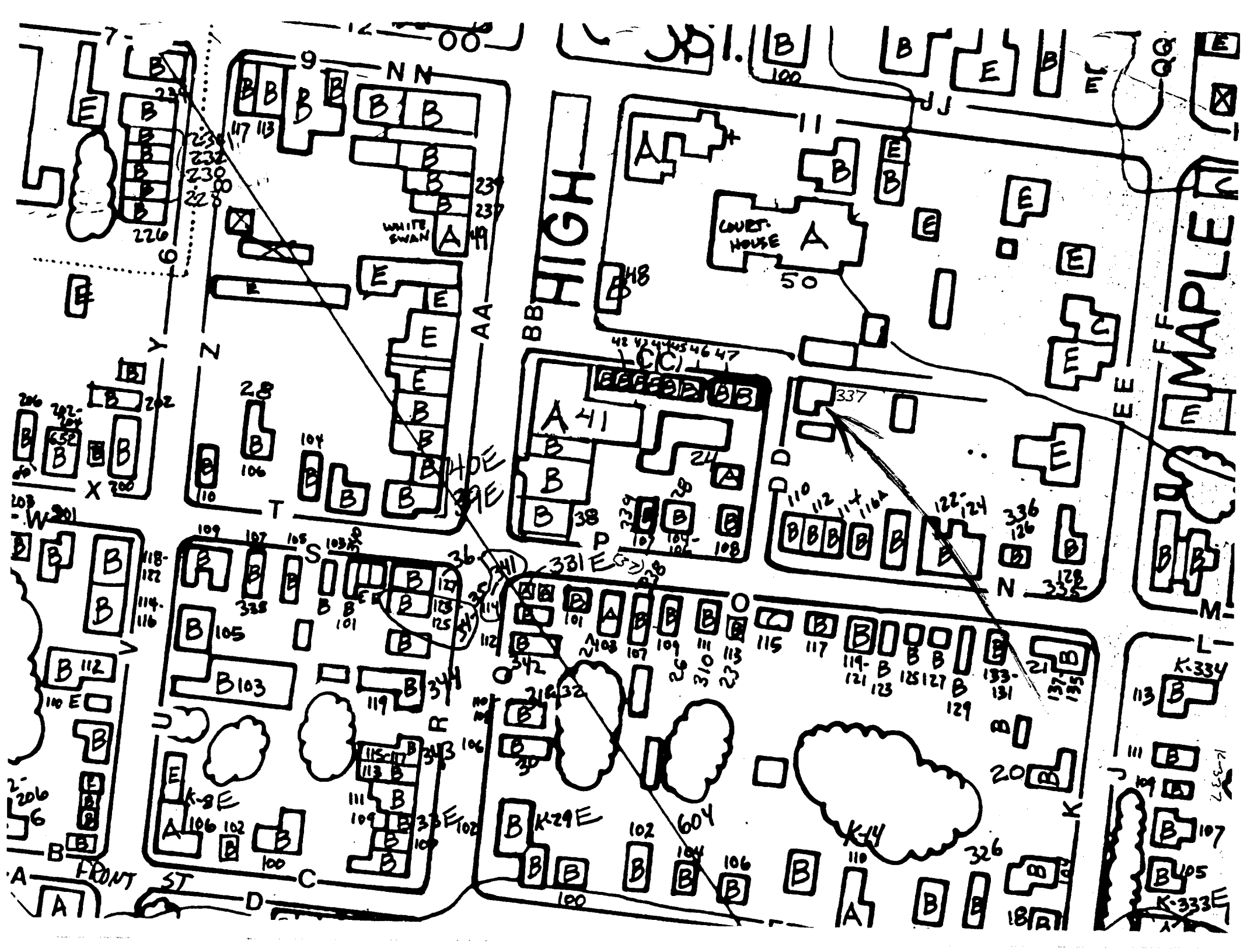
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